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1. In late April 1955, the Central Institute for Research and Technology (ZAPT) of the East German State Planning Commission completed the "Time-Work Schedule" (Rahmentagungskalender) for the Work Circles and Work Groups. This Schedule sets forth the general program for the activity of Work Circles and Work Groups during 1955. Copies of the Schedule were sent in early May 1955 to the heads of the Work Circles, who in turn made available one copy each to the deputy heads of the Work Circles and to the heads of the Work Groups.
2. The "Time-Work Schedule" divides the 1955 plan year into four periods, during which all Work Circles and Work Groups are to convene at least once in order to carry out the work assigned to them. These periods are:
 - a. First period: March and April 1955.
 - b. Second period: May and June 1955.
 - c. Third period: September and October 1955.
 - d. Fourth period: November and December 1955.
3. The following are the directives as set forth in the "Time-Work Schedule":
 - a. During the first period, the Work Circles and Work Groups are to perform the following tasks:
 - (1) Evaluation of the Results of the 1954 Research and Development Plan:
 - (a) Selection by the members of the Work Circles, the representatives of the responsible ministry "or any other central organization", and the representatives of ZAPT of the 1954 research and development projects which are to be evaluated in the interest of the general economic plan.

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- (b) Distribution to the heads of Work Groups of the final reports on the 1954 research and development projects which were completed.
- (c) Assessment of the final 1954 reports by the Work Groups and recommendations by the Work Groups for the practical application of the results of the completed reports.

(2) The 1955 Research and Development Plan:

- (a) Selection of those 1955 projects of economic importance which the Work Circle is to assess. The selection is done jointly by the members of the Work Circle, the representatives of the ministry "or other central organization", and the representatives of ZAFI.
- (b) Discussion in the Work Circles and in the Work Groups of individual 1955 research and development projects deemed to be of particular importance, and discussion of proper methods to further the work of individual research and development institutes and laboratories.

(3) The Second Five-Year Plan:

- (a) Assessment by the Work Circles of the results of the First Five-Year Plan.
- (b) Preliminary ideas of the Work Groups on the general program of the Second Five-Year Plan.
- (c) Coordination of the suggestions of the Work Groups by the Work Circles. The Work Circles will report the results of this coordination to the ministries and "other central organizations" and to ZAFI by 1 May 1955.

(4) Preparation of the 1956 Research and Development Plan:

- (a) Distribution of control figures (Richtzahlen) among the 1956 research and development projects by the Work Circles. The control figures indicate what funds will be available for carrying out research and development in 1956. They are provided to the Work Circles by ZAFI.

(5) Problems of Fundamental and General Character:

- (a) Capacity and structure of research and development institutes and laboratories.
- (b) Investments to be made available for increasing the capacity of the research and development institutes and laboratories already in existence.

b. During the second period, the Work Circles and Work Groups are to perform the following tasks:

(1) Evaluation of the Results of the 1954 Research and Development Plan:

- (a) Continuation of a (1) (c) above.
- (b) Consolidation by the Work Circles of the reports provided by the Work Groups on a (1) (c) above.

(2) The 1955 Research and Development Plan:

- (a) Continuation of a (2) (b) above.
- (b) Discussion by the Work Circles and the Work Groups of changes in the 1955 research and development plan.

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(3) The Second Five-Year Plan:

- (a) Continuation of the deliberations by Work Circles and Work Groups pertaining to the Second Five-Year Plan.

(4) Preparation of the 1956 Research and Development Plan:

- (b) Deliberations by the Work Groups concerning the details of the 1956 tasks. These deliberations should be in accordance with the Second Five-Year Plan and with the controlled figures issued.
- (c) Examination by the Work Circles of the projects presented by the Work Groups. This examination should include coordination of and, if necessary, improvements on the projects. It should also bear on coordination among themselves by Work Circles which are involved in the same projects.
- (c) Coordination of the projects as established by the Work Circles with those proposed by the research and development institutes and laboratories.

(5) Problems of Fundamental and General Character:

- (a) Specific deliberations on how to make available to industry the completed research and development projects, mainly construction projects and chemical engineering projects.
- (b) Problems of the development of synthetic substances.

c. During the third period, the Work Circles and Work Groups are to perform the following tasks:

(1) Evaluation of the Results of the 1954 Research and Development Plan:

If necessary, continuation of the work performed during the two preceding periods.

(2) The 1955 Research and Development Plan:

- (a) If necessary, continuation of the work performed during the two preceding periods.
- (b) Selection of the 1955 research and development projects which are already completed and which are recognized to be of economic importance. Assessment of these projects by the Work Circles and the Work Groups.

(3) The Second Five-Year Plan:

Final consolidation of all proposals concerning the Second Five-Year Plan.

(4) Preparation of the 1956 Research and Development Plan:

Deliberation and assessment by the Work Circles of the 1956 research and development projects as established by ZAPT.

(5) Problems of Fundamental and General Character:

Problems concerning the possibilities of export increase through improved research and development.

d. During the fourth period, the Work Circles and Work Groups are to perform the following tasks:

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(1) Evaluation of the Results of the 1954 Research and Development Plan:

If necessary, continuation of the work performed during the three preceding periods.

(2) The 1955 Research and Development Plan:

Continuation of (2) (b) above.

(3) The Second Five-Year Plan:

Evaluation by the Work Circles of the results of the First Five-Year Plan.

(4) Preparation of the 1956 Research and Development Plan:

Deliberations by the Work Circles and Work Groups concerning the 1956 research and development projects which either have obtained conditional approval only or which were deferred. Also discussion by the Work Circles and Work Groups concerning the 1955 research and development projects which were not completed in 1955 and had to be carried over into the 1956 plan.

(5) Problems of Fundamental and General Character:

Continuation of the work performed during the three preceding periods.

4. The "Time-Work Schedule" also contains instructions on the general planning of research and development during the four periods:

a. First Period, March and April 1955:

ZAFT issues to the Work Circles the 1956 control figures.

b. Second Period, May and June 1955:

The industrial and scientific research and development institutes and laboratories forward to the Work Circles their 1956 research and development proposals. This has to be completed by 1 June 1955.

c. Third Period, September and October 1955:

By 1 August 1955, the ministries, state secretariats, and "other central organizations" will have received the 1956 research and development proposals from the industrial and scientific research and development institutes and laboratories. They consolidate these proposals into preliminary research and development plans and transmit this plan proposal to ZAFT by early September 1955.

d. Fourth Period, November and December 1955:

By early November 1955, ZAFT will have returned to the ministries, state secretariats, and "other central organizations" their research and development plan proposals with the corrections deemed necessary by ZAFT. The industrial and scientific research and development laboratories and institutes will receive from the ministries, state secretariats, and "other central organizations" their confirmed 1956 research and development projects by 1 December 1955.

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